## **News Briefs**

#### Spangdahlem LTC selects announced

The wing congratulates the following individuals for their selection to the rank of lieutenant colonel: Marie Kokotajlo, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Chad Miller, 23rd Fighter Squadron; Everett Shaver, 52nd Fighter Wing; and Kathryn Tate, 52nd Medical Support Squa-

#### Sabers close out FHP in style

Congratulations on an extremely successful closeout of one of the most challenging flying hour programs in Saber history. Despite a seven-percent reduction in hours in addition to deployments, weather and air space challenges, Sabers across the wing contributed to this outstanding achievement. In celebration of this effort, the wing was awarded a goal day Oct. 3. Thanks also to our families who exhibit a very special kind of courage as they endure the hardships, separations and sacrifices so much a part of military service. Congratulations to all on a superb FHP closeout! -- Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd FW commander.

#### **Quarterly awards luncheon**

The Quarterly Awards luncheon for the third quarter takes place Oct. 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Club Eifel ballroom. People can purchase tickets through their first sergeants no later than Oct. 20 or call Tech. Sgt. Dave Walpole at 452-6378.

#### **Operation Keesler update**

Spangdahlem AB members have collected more than \$6,500 in support of Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., hurricane relief funds. The funds are scheduled to be sent mid-October.

#### Leave restoration policy

Members who were recalled from or denied annual leave as a consequence of duty assignments in support of contingency operations as of Sept. 30 are authorized restoration of the leave they lost. These members must use any restored leave by the end of the fiscal year 2006. If extenuating circumstances prevent the member from taking all the special leave accrual by the end of FY2006, the member may apply at the end of FY2006 to have the unused portion of the special leave accrual carried over through FY2007. Information must be submitted through commanders to the 52nd Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight by Nov. 15. For details, call Master Sgt. Terry Wise at 452-4166.

#### Suicide prevention briefing

The next suicide prevention and violence awareness briefings take place Oct. 24 and Nov. 29 at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Spangdahlem AB Theater.

#### Jammin' for charity

That's entertainment!

Read "Good Friends" charity concert garners aid for hurricane victims" on Page 7.





## **BRAVO**

1-2 DUIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI: 6

Rank of last DUI: staff sergeant Squadron of last DUI: 52nd EMS

Large unit with best record: 52nd Communications Squadron, 232 days Small units with best record: 52nd Medical Support Squadron, 52nd Dental Squadron and 52nd Contracting Squadron: No DUIs

When going out, have a plan or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 06565-61-2233.



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Signed, sealed, delivered

Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, signs the first Combined Federal Campaign donation slip Friday as his wife, Dawn, looks on. The CFC offers more than 1,700 organizations for servicemembers to choose from for donations. Each group in the wing will conduct its own fundraisers to support the 52nd FW Family Support and Youth Program, an option that allows wing members to funnel donations directly back to the wing. A teen center is just one of the many initiatives in the works by way of the 52nd FW FSYP.

## Sabers deploy to Lithuania, join NATO air policing mission

Story and photo by Capt. Tom Crosson 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

More than 100 Sabers and a detachment of F-16s from the 23rd Fighter Squadron departed Spangdahlem throughout the last week of September to take part in NATO's air policing mission over the skies of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

This three-month deployment will allow U.S. Air Forces in Europe to fulfill their commitment to NATO by providing air defense and security to the Baltic States. This is USAFE's first deployment to Lithuania.

Since March 2004, when Lithuania joined NATO, alliance nations have policed the airspace over the Baltic states on three-month rotations. So far, Belgium, Denmark, Britain, Norway, the Netherlands and Germany have participated in this mission. Poland will take over the air policing mission from the 52nd Fighter Wing on Jan. 1, 2006.

NATO officials said the 23rd Fighter Squadron's mission will primarily consist of radar observation, radar identification and air traffic control with respect to an aircraft of concern. If required by the situation, interceptor aircraft could be used to assist aircraft in distress or conduct visual identification of suspect aircraft.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to execute this mission. We look forward to working with the armed forces of the Baltic nations to provide them the capabilities they require to ensure the integrity of their airspace." Lt. Col. David Youtsey, 23 FS Director of Operations and the detachment commander during this deployment. "We are enthusiastic about performing our NATO mission for NATO's newest members"

Prior to the deployment, Lt. Col. Youtsey said his detachment will deploy with sufficient personnel, aircraft, and support equipment to accomplish the mission in a relatively



Left, Lt. Col. David Youtsey, 23rd Fighter Squadron Operations Officer and commander of the 23rd Fighter Squadron's Lithuania detachment, receives the symbolic "key to the airspace over the Baltics" from Lt. Col. Peter Ellguth, deployed detachment commander for the German Air Force's Fighter Wing 71 during a Sept. 30 handover ceremony of the NATO air policing mission at Siauliai Air Base, Lithuania.

bare-base environment. He added that the detachment anticipated developing strong bonds of friendship and cooperation among NATO's newest allies.

NATO's air policing mission is purely defensive. It is not in response to any specific threat, but rather it is a routine and a fundamental component of how NATO provides security to its members and their areas of operation.

The 23rd Fighter Squadron officially accepted the mission Sept. 30 during a handover ceremony at Siauliai Air Base, Lithuania. The 52nd FW replaced the German Fighter Wing 71 "Richthofen" out of Wittmund, Germany.

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Staff Sgt. John Barton

#### Change of command

Col. Ross A. Victor, 721st Air Mobility Operations Group commander, hands the unit guidon to Lt. Col. James A. Kirk Jr. here Sept. 30. Lt. Col. Michael A. Polhemus relinquished command of the 726th Air Mobility Squadron to Colonel Kirk Sept. 30 at 9 a.m. The 726th AMS is part of the new airlift mission in which Spangdahlem Air Base will accommodate heavy aircraft following the closure of Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. The change of command also marked the formal stand up of the squadron here.

# Team Eifel logs one DWI, major crashes last week

By David A. Barker

52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel had one driving-while-intoxicated citation during the past week. There were eight major crashes and 11 minor collisions.

Polizei cited the sole DWI in Munich when a 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron staff sergeant attempted to move his car from a parking garage. The NCO registered a .136 during an on-site breathalyzer test.

The first major crash involved wildlife on the B-50. A deer ran in front of a car and struck the vehicle's radiator. No human injuries were noted.

The second crash also involved wildlife near Spangdahlem Air Base on L-46. A sport utility vehicle struck a wild boar which slid under the vehicle and caused major damage. There were no human injuries noted.

Speeding was a factor in the third crash, when a vehicle hydroplaned on L-49 and collided with a traffic sign.

In the fourth crash, a vehicle hydroplaned and crashed into a local national's vehicle on L-46,

causing a head-on collision. Injuries were reported in this crash.

The fifth crash occurred when a driver, attempting to avoid wildlife, hit a guardrail

during a wet downhill turn on B-50. Injuries were noted on this

The sixth crash was on the A-48 off ramp near Wittlich. The driver was cited for speeding, and the car sustained disabling damage. No injuries were reported.

The seventh crash occurred on B-50 between the traffic circle and the Beilingen exit. Both parties sustained injuries in this collision.

The last crash occurred on L-39 and was the result of speeding. The driver, traveling uphil, attempted to brake too late and struck another vehicle. Both vehicles were disabled, and no injures were reported.

Team Eifel members were involved in 11 minor collisions: two from speeding, three from improper backing, two from inattentive driving, one from failure to yield, and three from wildlife.

# 52nd CES outlines heating, maintenance procedures as Eifel winter weather sets in

Staff reports

region are very unpredictable -temperatures can feel like four
different seasons during the course of one
day.

The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron is responsible for maintaining and operating five manned and 150 unmanned heating plants on Spangdahlem Air Base and the Bitburg Annex.

The 52nd CES determines when to turn on heat, taking into account mission requirements, quality of life and energy conservation.

According to Spangdahlem AB policy, around the first day of August, daily temperatures are recorded to determine the best day to start turning on heat.

Historically, this occurs in late September to mid-October each year.

Generally, when there are five consecutive days with an average temperature below 55 degrees fahrenheit (13 degrees celcius) the squadron initiates start-up procedures, beginning with military- and government-leased housing areas, dormitories, billeting, and schools, followed by office areas and industrial facilities.

Priority facilities such as the hospital,

dental clinics, child development centers and 24-hour operation facilities, whose missions dictate controlled environmental conditions, will be provided heat as needed to ensure mission accomplishment.



Conversely, in the spring, the heat will be turned off when there are five consecutive days with an average temperature above 55 degrees fahrenheit (13 degrees celcius).

The ultimate goal is to meet Air Force fuel reduction goals while taking into

account the mission and the most important resource, people.

Even a three-day delay in boiler start-up procedures can save up to \$27,000 in energy and labor costs.

Energy conservation significantly contributes to a cleaner environment and reduces funding necessary for utilities, which relieves strains on the defense budget.

Any questions concerning the heating policy or inquires about the heat to buildings or government residences can be directed to Master Sgt. Kevin Kenyon at 452-6079, or e-mail kevin.kenyon@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Energy tip: During the heating season, keep the draperies and shades on southfacing windows open during the day to allow the sunlight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill that may be felt from cold windows.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy Web site

# Fire protection flight: use candles with care

By Inge Lersch

52nd Fire Protection Flight assistant chief

As the autumn weather gets colder and the days grow darker, Team Eifel families are encouraged to use candles with care.

Base firefighters hope that everyone will team up with the fire protection flight to prevent fires in our community by following the theme when using candles: "When You Go Out, Blow Out."

This week is Fire Prevention Week, during which families should take the opportunity to hunt for fire hazards in their home, test smoke detectors, plan and conduct home fire drills, replace all frayed electrical wiring and ensure matches are stored out of the reach of children. Why? To make certain Team Eifel families are not counted among the statistics of people injured or killed by fire this year.

One common fire hazard is the candle. Although candles are pretty to look at, they are a growing cause of home fires. The open flame can easily ignite any nearby flammable materials, including curtains flapping in the autumn breeze. However, by heeding the following advice candles can be used safely.

- Never leave burning candles unattended. Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to bed.
  - Keep candles at least one foot away from anything flammable.
- Do not place lit candles in windows or doorways where drafts could bring flammables in contact with the flame.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, will not tip over easily, are made from non-flammable material and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Light candles carefully. Keep hair and loose clothing away from the flame, and do not carry lit candles.
- Extinguish candles when they burn down to within two inches of their holder or any decorative material.
  - Avoid using candles during power outages. Use flashlights for emergencies.
- Never leave a child unattended in a room with a burning candle. Store matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children.

Firefighters generally discourage the use of candles in bedrooms, where almost half of all home candle fires start. When people feel that they must burn candles in the bedroom, it is advised to keep them away from bedding, curtains and blinds, wallpaper, upholstered furniture, piles of clothing, and newspapers and magazines, and to monitor the candles regularly.

Although candle flames may be comforting during the colder months, people must remember that they are also very destructive. By working together and ensuring all Team Eifel members are practicing fire safety, Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex can stay safe during coming months.

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

## Top Saber **Performer**

Name: Senior Airman Daffodil Bastian Unit: 726th Air Mobility Squadron **Duty title:** Information Manager Hometown: St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Years in service: Three Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success:

Airman Bastian provides orderly customer support and computer system administration for the squadron. She has led the way on the installation of more than 120 computers for the Rhein-Main Transition Program to ensure the seamless stand up of the Air Mobility Command mission here. She has enthusiastically taken on duties as the squadron functional

area records manager by methodically establishing 13 file plans on a variety of work centers and ensuring the integrity of all data transferred from Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Airman Bastian is an avid squadron booster club member and she recently provided support for the 14th Annual United Services Organization Europe Salute in Wiesbaden. Airman Bastian was personally recognized by Gen. Charles F. Wald for her contribution in support of the event.

What do you do for fun? Or, What's a fun thing you've done lately? I enjoy reading and spending time with my children. We recently went swimming at the local swimming pool.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I like being able to travel and learn about the German culture.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I would like to see more activities planned for teenagers.

## Team Eifel lauds newest below-the-zone selectees

The following indivduals were selected

for the rank of senior airman below the zone.

52nd Fighter Wing Jodie Goodwin,

52nd FW Command Post 52nd Aircraft Maintenance

Squadron Sarah Mustard; Robert Owens; and

**Gabriel Shepard** 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

**Anthony Greeley** 

52nd Communications Squadron **Tremayne Taylor and Anthony** 

> 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron

**Zachary Pruitt** 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Joshua Johnson

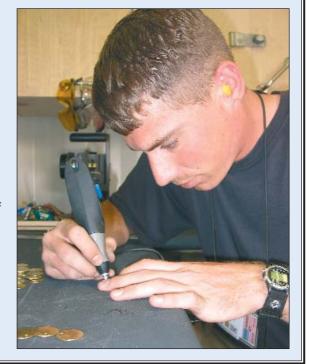
**Sebastian Cruz** 

Powell

52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron Kimberly Walker and Daniel Sera 52nd Security Forces Squadron

Key player Staff Sgt. Travis Ziolkowski, 376th Expeditionary Civil **Engineer Squadron, structural** iourneyman and 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron member, engraves key tags for one of the new dorms at Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan.

Master Sgt. Lisa Polarel



## **Eifel Salutes**

#### **52nd Mission Support** Group

Has the hardworking staff at the Pet Spa earned a salute? You "petcha!" The staff goes far above and beyond simply feeding and walking dogs each day. Lyn Lacson is the "people

person" whose knowledge of human resources services and procedures makes her shine in customer service. Talk about fast food ... the Club Eifel staff exceeded standards during the annual Air Force Ball and Eifel Reunion by serving more than 500 guests in 10 minutes -- they received outstanding comments from base leadership. We can accommodate a salute for the 52nd Services Squadron lodging temporary living facilities staff, who got the new Spangdahlem TLFs up and running, saving the wing thousands of dollars.

#### **52nd Maintenance Group**

Senior Airman Scott Morin has custody of bragging rights for the development of a pioneering database called Combat Custody, which will provide an electronic environment for munitions custodians to request, approve and track munitions issues and expenditures. Main event! Staff Sgt. Nathaniel Law and his crew from the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron put on a great aircraft showcase for a group of 30 handicapped German citizens from Trier.

#### 38th Munitions Maintenance Group

Bats off! The **703rd Munitions Support** Squadron softball team from Volkel AB, Netherlands, were the champions of the annual Windmill Classic that took place last month. Team Volkel beat Spangdahlem AB 14-11 when Staff Sgt. Bobbie Haddix smacked the ball out of the park, ending the game by bring-



ing in three runs. A timely salute goes to Staff Sgts. Kenya Holman, Tara Jones and Senior Airman Ivin Bueso, who have eliminated all late enlisted and officer performance reports and decorations and track each piece of correspondence from the

flights for the commander's signature.

#### **52nd Medical Group**

We have our "eye" on **Staff Sgt. Mandi** Wichman, who spearheaded a successful baked potato sale fundraiser for the 52nd Aerospace Medical Squadron morale committee. Bakin' care of business were Tech. Sgts. Monica Desjardins, Lorena Woolard and Mrs. Cindy Davis, who supplied fruit and baked goods for Maj. Matthew Albright's promotion ceremony.

#### **CDC** stars

The following individuals received scores of 90 percent or above on their career development course examinations.

Staff Sgt. Angela Samson, 52nd Services Squadron, 93; Airmen 1st Class Grayson Morales, 52nd EMS, 90; and Benjamin Widenoja, 52nd EMS, 90.

#### Top wingmen

Senior Airman Joseph McClain and Airman 1st Class Stephen Perakes recently had the "drive" to make sure their fellow wingmen got home safely. An Eifel Town Patrol member spotted the two Airmen driving two carloads of people home from a local pub, then return minutes later to pick up more. The group of friends have a "Round Robin" arrangement, in which each of them take turns as the designated driver for the weekend.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you! (Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



## Top Saber Team

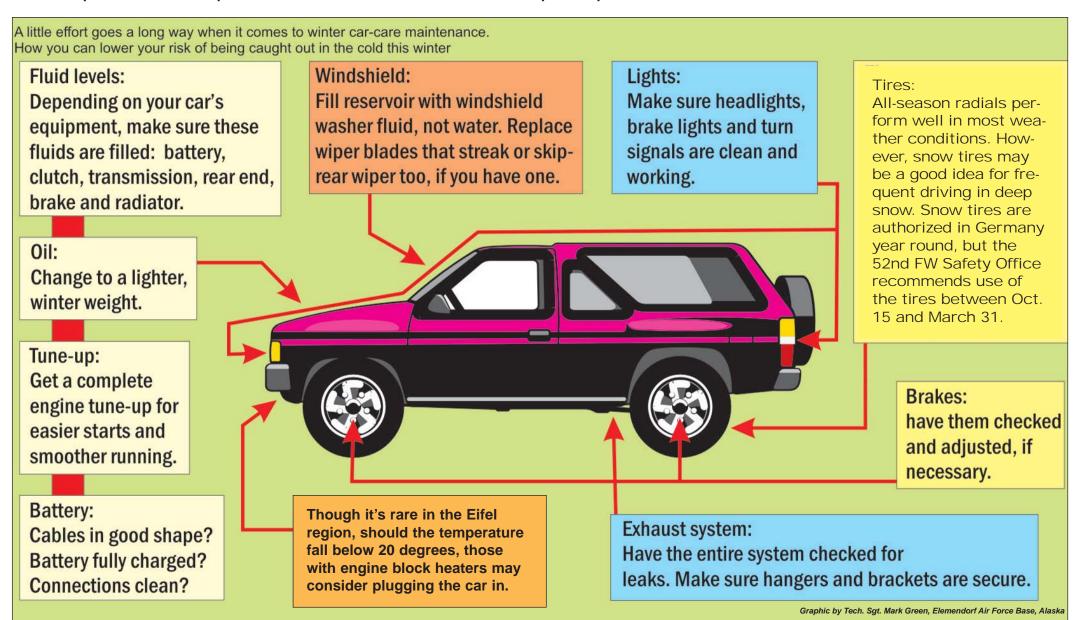
Unit name: 726th Air Mobility Squadron Advanced Echelon (ADVON) Team A brief description of Team responsibilities: The team's main objective is to establish a presence and interface with the 52nd FW in transitioning initial operations from Rhein-Main AB to Spangdahlem AB.

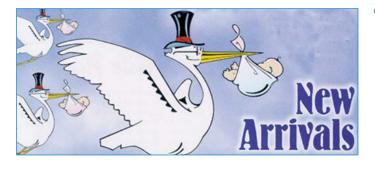
Number of members: Eight: not pictured is Mr. Larry Jecklin

How does the team fit into the 52nd Fighter Wing's mission? These Sabers were involved with adding a new airlift capability to the 52nd FW's mission. The ADVON team is responsible for coordination with all base agencies, in addition to inprocessing, contracts, computer systems set up and telephone and classified capabilities. The team is also responsible for working with the 52nd Equipment Maintenance and 52nd Component Maintenance Squadrons for aircraft support, establishing operations for air operations and entry control points. The team members had to be forward thinkers in their respective career fields so airlift operations could be possible. The Sabers have touched every base agency to establish a working relationship and partnership with the 52nd FW.

## Winterizing vehicles keep Sabers 'on the go'

As temperatures drop, here are some maintenance tips to protect vehicles and drivers from 'winter wear'









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#### Accessing Direct Line

The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the Eifel Times and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

- DirectLine@spangdahlem.
- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE
  - To PA in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.



Col. Dave Goldfein

#### October **Sortie** Scoreboard

Aircraft Goal Flown **22FS** 299 **23FS** 301 22 -3 81FS 284 21 +1

\*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date Through Oct. 4

Courtesy of the

52nd Operations Support Squadron Plans and Scheduling Section

# Viewpoint

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## Letter of appreciation

## Wing praises local-national employees, continuity in an ever-changing Air Force

By Matthew Newburn 52nd Mission Support Squadron Human Resources Office

If you are associated with the U.S. Air Force, active duty or civilian, moving has probably become a way of life for you. In my nine years with the Air Force, I've moved four times. In the private sector, Americans have become accustomed to changing not just jobs, but careers several times over a lifetime.

With all the coming and going of U.S. employees in the 52nd Fighter Wing, one group of employees has remained a steady source of employment and continuity — our local-national employees. With them, there is no need to worry about the time they are away from work to find a house, purchase a car or delays associated with recruiting.

While stability is a big benefit the base receives from hiring local-Onational employees, the cost savings high-grade positions is another benefit. The average price of moving a civilian from the United States to the local area is \$12,000, not including the long-term expenses of providing housing and utility funds.

A twenty-year military career is truly an outstanding accomplishment, and with all the deployments and other commitments that keep our military members away from home, twenty years probably feels like a lot longer. On Sept. 23, the 52nd Mission Support Squadron Civilian Personnel Flight conducted its bi-annual length of service ceremony, recognizing employees with

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a minimum of 20 years of service with the U.S. government. After 20 years of service, employees are recognized for every additional five years of

A total of 33 U.S. and non-U.S. employees were recognized at the event. While the vast majority of the employees recognized at the Length of Service are local-national employees, U.S. employees also garner recognition. For example, Janis Wood from the family support center just completed 30 years of federal service. We also recognized Wolfgang Wenzel for serving

The base currently has more than 220 U.S. and local-national employees with more than 20 years of service. Of those 220 employees, 43 have more than 35 years of service.

The stability that our local-national workforce provides should not be overlooked. Speaking

from my own experience in the civilian personnel office, since the summer of 2003, 10 employees have left the U.S. program and only one employee has departed the local-national program. I know first hand about the difficulty associated with recruiting for and staffing vacant positions. This is just a small sample of what happens all over the base.

As the Living History presentation at the 52nd Fighter Wing Air Force Ball recently demonstrated, working at the base has often become a family affair. The relationship between U.S. forces and the local community has been a mutually beneficial relationship for a long time.

The Eifel region has received lots of money through construction projects, increased tourism and most importantly a steady source of jobs for local residents. The U.S. government has been the recipient of a forward-operating location, cooperation of local community officials, hospitality and most importantly the knowledge and efforts of tens of thousands of local-national employees during the past 50 years.

Many friendships and countless marriages have resulted from this relationship. More than a decade after Bitburg Air Base closed, people still talk about their time working there with great

While we hope Spangdahlem Air Base stays here forever, I'm sure if it ever closes, there will always be a little bit of America left behind by the close bonds that were created in the Eifel.

#### **Direct Lines**

#### **Dumpster blues**

omment: I would like to bring to your attention the on-going problem of waste in government-leased housing. One of the two bins in the ✓ housing area gets emptied on a regular basis. Another; however, doesn't because one of the casters is broken. The caster was broken by the weight of an arm chair that was disposed of by one of our neighbors, who, rather than waiting for bulk-trash day and placing the chair on the curb for trash pickup, dumped the heavy piece of furniture into the bin. Since then, we have all been left with the resulting mess.

My immediate neighbors and I have been trying our best to keep the grounds picked up around the bins, but to no avail. I discussed the issue with housing officials and I was told that most of our problems are caused by locals who are using our trash bins, but I don't think this is the case. I have found that most of our "dumpster divers" take things out of the bins that they may be able to make use of.

Whatever the cause, I am tired of living around trash. It blows around all over the place into yards and driveways. It gets rained on, driven over, and mashed onto the road. I don't mean to be a pest, but it is a pesky problem for those of us who live within close range of these bins and deal with

eply: Thank you for bringing this to my attention. While we have focused on cleaning up the base housing area, it is time to extend this Combat Proud initiative to our government-leased housing areas. I urge all residents who notice bulk-trash dumpster abuse or problems to call the housing office at 452-7942. A housing official will contact the appropriate agency to fix the problem.

In the long term, we will build a process to ensure our GLH residents get the same level of care and attention as our on-base residents. I will visit your community over the next couple of weeks to meet with you and

your neighbors to discuss this and other concerns. In the end, we must work together across our community — our base, families, mayors and landlords — to ensure our homes and surrounding grounds are places where we are proud to live ... Combat Proud!

#### Thank You

**♦** omment: I would like to thank the wonderful people that work with the Youth Exchange Services or YES program. It's a wonderful  $m{\hspace{0.4cm}\prime}$  opportunity for teens to volunteer their time at different places on base while earning money for their college education.

While many kids were wandering the base looking for things to do this past summer, my daughter had the opportunity to work with Tech. Sgt. James Geiss and his wonderful staff at the Bitburg Annex Post office. She worked four days a week, six to eight hours daily. During this time, she learned responsibility, time management, dedication, commitment and integrity. She also was better prepared when school started — she was already used to getting up early. Not only that, she now has money in the bank for college tuition.

She now realizes that the mail just doesn't magically appear in the boxes each day. It takes many manhours each day and a lot of muscle power getting the boxes moved. She also learned that volunteering can be

I would be remiss if I didn't say a big thank you to Sergeant Geiss and his staff for creating such a great work environment that was not only fun, but an awesome learning experience, as my daughter has told me. They all definitely made a great first impression of "the real world after high school" and many happy memories that will be treasured. Keep up the fantastic job!

## **Community**



## **Community Mailbox**

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



#### **Cable TV modifications**

TKS is preparing the Bitburg Annex housing area cable network to provide high-speed internet connections to all applicable buildings. To do so, the company must modify the existing channel alignment. The Commander's Access Channel, AFN Sports, AFN Spectrum and AFN Atlantic will be switched to new cable frequencies Oct. 11. Also, AFN channels will temporarily be off the air during the switchover. After noon Oct. 11, all residents should retune their TVs to receive the above listed channels again.

#### **Tuition assistance**

All Air Force members can apply online for tuition assistance from their home, work or education center computers, using the Air Force Virtual Education Web site, accessed through the Air Force Portal. As of Oct. 1, the Air Force Personnel Center only accepts digitally-signed TA forms from officers. Call the base education center at 452-6335 for more information.

#### **Boy Scout leaders needed**

Boy Scout Troop 165 seeks adult leaders to serve as volunteer assistant Scoutmasters, secretaries and events coordinators. Call Tech. Sgt. Jesse Merrill at 452-6270 or Senior Master Sgt. Dan Demers at 452-2059 for details.

#### **Brick House tourneys**

Call Kim McElfresh at 452-7381 for details on the following activities.

- Chess players ages 6 and older meet each first and third Saturday of the month in the Brick House.
- Billiards players meet each Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Brick House for tournaments taking place Nov. 1-Jan. 24.

#### Lodging shuttle

A shuttle service to Frankfurt International Airport is available from Spangdahlem AB's Eifel Arms Inn for \$45 each way, per adult, on a first come, first served basis. Children ages 6 and younger ride for \$22.50. From Monday through Saturday, the shuttle departs base lodging at 5:15 a.m. and arrives at Terminal 1 by 8 a.m. It leaves the terminal at noon and arrives at base lodging by 2:30 p.m. Call 452-7684 for details.

#### **CAP** volunteers needed

The Spangdahlem Civil Air Patrol

seeks a volunteer instructor to teach youth cadets about aerospace education one or two Thursday evenings monthly. E-mail <a href="mailto:civilair.patrol@spangdahlem.af.mil">civilair.patrol@spangdahlem.af.mil</a> for more information.

#### **BHS** tutors needed

Tutors are needed to coach high school students in math, science, English or other language studies one Tuesday or Wednesday each week from 2-3 p.m. at the school. Training is provided. Call 452-9202 or 452-9337, or e-mail <a href="mailto:fran.laakman@eu.dodea.edu">fran.laakman@eu.dodea.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:Sharon.krol@eu.dodea.edu">Sharon.krol@eu.dodea.edu</a> for details.

#### **Barber shop closed**

The Bitburg Annex Barber and Beauty Shop is closed Oct. 11-27 for facility renovations. The Spangdahlem AB Barber and Beauty Shop is open in building 126. Call 452-6313 to make barber shop appointments and 06565-4002 to make beauty shop appointments.

#### **Crafts at Bitburg**

A craft shop is now open in the Bitburg Annex Concessions Mall. It's open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Tuesday-Sunday.

#### TKS closed

All TKS branches are closed Monday for training.

#### **Babysitting 101**

The American Red Cross babysitting class takes place Tuesday-Thursday from 3:30-6 p.m. at Bitburg Annex building 2001. Curriculum includes first aid, meal preparation and interviewing techniques. The class is for youth ages 10 and older. Cost is \$25, which must be paid in advance. Call 452-9400 for details.

#### **Craftsman contest**

Enter the 2005 craftsman contest, sponsored by the base arts and crafts center. The deadline to apply is Tuesday. Adult and youth categories include: fine art, textile art, industrial art and multicrafts art. Winning entries will be entered in the USAFE competition. For details, call Bob Rosinbum at 452-6841.

#### **ARC** basics

A free American Red Cross disaster relief introduction course takes place Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Bitburg Annex. Curriculum includes community response and disaster services. Call 452-9400 to register or for details.

#### **OCSC** social

The Officers and Civilian Spouses Club meets Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. in Club Eifel. Childcare is available. Visit the club Web site at <a href="https://www.spangdahlemocsc.com">www.spangdahlemocsc.com</a> for more information.

#### **Humanitarian donations**

Service Credit Union will match up to \$300,000 in donations for Hurricane Katrina humanitarian relief collected through Oct. 15. Make donations at local branch offices, by calling 1-800-936-7730 or e-mail <a href="https://www.servicecu.org">www.servicecu.org</a>.

#### **Volunteer appreciation party**

A casino bash party to show appreciation for base volunteers takes place Oct. 15 from 5-10 p.m. in the Brick House. Event features a free cookout, casino games and an auction. All volunteers get \$100 Brick House game bucks for free. Cost is \$5 for \$100 game bucks for other players.

#### **SSEMC** bake sale

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Club sells baked items Oct. 15-16 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Base Exchange. Proceeds benefit Hurricane Katrina military community relief efforts.

#### Sports day seeks volunteers

Youth Services seeks volunteers to help with sports day events taking place Oct. 29. Volunteers are needed to set up events, to conduct events, and to clean up. Call Airman 1st Class Milien Corinne at 452-6141 to register.

#### Netherlands Fall bazaar

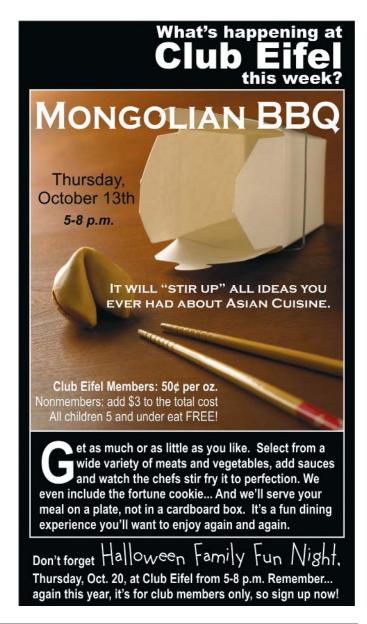
The "Fall into the Holidays" bazaar for military ID card holders takes place Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the base sports and teen center, at Schinnen, Netherlands.

#### Variety show

Apollo Night at the Eifel Club takes place Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. The event benefits King Citadel Military Lodge No. 163. Tickets cost \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Call Staff Sgt. Shawn Huggins at 06561-694957 for advance ticket purchase.



Club Beyond's newest facility,
The Studio, is now open
in Bitburg Annex building 2001.
The club location offers
a new place for youth
to play games, listen to music
and just hang out and talk.
It's open from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
each Tuesday for middle schoolers,
from 6:15-8:30 p.m.
each Tuesday for high schoolers,
and 6-9:30 p.m. each Friday
for all teens.
It's also open Sunday from
3-4:30 p.m.for Bible study.





affairs office, building 23, at least 10 days before the desired date of publication. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The Eifel Times staff reserves the right to edit ads.

#### **Movies**

The following movie listings are for today through Oct. 13. Times and movies are subject to change. For current information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

#### Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Must Love Dogs (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Sarah, a divorced teacher who has sworn off dating, finds her family pushing her into the dating world by placing a personal ad for her stating, "must love dogs," despite the fact that Sarah doesn't own a dog herself.

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (R, 9:30 p.m.)

Deuce Bigalow is seduced back to his pleasure-forpay profession, when his former pimp is implicated in the murders of Europe's greatest gigolos and he must clear his friend's name.

Saturday

The Cave (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

A rescue team is sent down into the world's largest cave system to try to find the spelunkers who first explored its depths and are hunted by the monstrous creatures that live down below.

Must Love Dogs (9:30 p.m.)

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Must Love Dogs (4 p.m.)

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Closed Wednesday and Thursday

#### **Bitburg Castle**

Today

Valiant (G, 7 p.m.)

The animated comedy tells the story of a lowly wood pigeon named Valiant, who overcomes his small size to become a hero in Great Britain's Royal Air Force Homing Pigeon Service during World War II.

Wedding Crashers (R, 9:30 p.m.)

John Beckwith and Jeremy Grey, a pair of committed womanizers who sneak into weddings to take advantage of the romantic tinge in the air, find themselves at odds with one another when John meets and falls for Claire.

Saturday

Hustle & Flow (R, 7 p.m.)

Memphis rapper DJay throws together a supreme hustle when he hears that rap superstar Skinny Black is heading to his 'hood.

Wedding Crashers (R, 9:30 p.m.)

Sunday

Valiant (4 p.m.)

Sky High (7 p.m.)

Will Stronghold, the son of superheros Commander and Jetstream, tries to find a balance between being a normal teenager and an extraordinary being.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Valiant (7 p.m.)

Thursday

Hustle & Flow (7 p.m.)

## Saturday 'Good Friends' concert jams for Hurricane Katrina relief

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and parts of Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. Whether it was the base's "Operation Katrina" softball tournament, the Service Credit Union matching donations or the Red Cross collecting funds, the 52nd Fighter Wing has a line of activities rendering monetary aid for the hurricane victims. Now the local community, Germans and Americans together, have organized a charity event to provide support as well.

The Good Friends Help Each Other concert takes place Saturday at 7 p.m. in Bitburg Flugplatz Hall 300. All the proceeds from the \$5 or 5 euro cover charge will be contributed to hurricane relief efforts. Ticket sales take place today at the Spangdahlem Air Base Post Office from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Bitburg Annex Shoppette from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are also available at the door, starting at 6:30 p.m.

"During the past weeks we have been getting many phone calls from our German friends and neighbors, asking how they can help," said Bernhard Schaefer, 52nd FW Community Relations advisor.

Bitburg's Cultural Society, in conjunction with the Host Nation Council, the Shopping Guide newspaper and Bitburg city officials came up with the idea to host the German-American fundraising event that is open to the entire community. Wing Airmen are highly encouraged to invite their German host families, landlords and friends to the event.

The event is "one big jam session," featuring a variety of music, said Mark Warner, leader of the base's rock 'n roll band Change to Change and a main performer at the concert. Change to Change selections range from classic rock to today's chart hits, including music by the Beatles, Lenny Kravitz and Maroon Five. The band also performs a country mix featuring tunes by Alan Jackson and Willie Nelson.

"The focus of the band is fun!" said Mr. Warner. "When you hear us, you'll see and hear how much we enjoy what we're doing. The feeling is always contagious."

A top performer from Luxembourg, Karin Melchert, will also sing for the cause.

In keeping with the spirit of the music, dress to the concert is casual. People can wear jeans and "are encouraged to dance" and enjoy the party, said Mr. Schaefer.

In addition to music, there will be other entertainment to raise money. Door-prize raffles include a variety of goodies, including a pass for balloon ride over the Eifel region, said Werner Pies, chairman of the Bitburg Cultural Society.



Courtesy photos

Above, Luxembourg's star singer, Karin Melchert, will perform at the Good Friends Help Each Other charity concert Saturday. Inset, the rock 'n roll band "Change to Change" jams during a recent concert.

In addition, three locals who recently returned from the United States where they performed rescue duties during Hurricane Katrina will be special guests at the event, Mr. Pies added.

Concert goers needn't go hungry. A German-style dinner will be offered at reasonable prices by a local catering service. Also, for those who want to drink, there will be designated drivers who people can call on after the fun, said Mark Warner.

"This is a great opportunity to bring the partnership of the whole community together," Mr. Warner said. "Volunteerism and to help each other out is what makes the world turn around. And that's what we're going to do in Bitburg this weekend."

To get to the concert, Hall 300 is located on the right after entering Bitburg Flugplatz from the road leading from the Bitburg Annex housing area.



## **Out and About**



(Editor's note: Call the TV-Ticket-Hotline at 06517-199996 or vist www.intrinet.de/tickets for tickets or events information. People may also visit the Bitburg TV office, located on Hauptstrasse 39a, to purchase tickets.)

- A federweissen festival, featuring the first wine of the season, takes place today at 6 p.m. in Kroev Weinbrunnen hall. The event features music, dancing and wine sampling.
- The Bit-Unplugged music festival takes place tonight in Wittlich. Rock 'n roll, funk, soul, jazz, blues, pop, oldies and classical music is performed in the Café am Markt, Canapee, Hamdi's Stern, Klosterschenke, Zum Bitchen, Enigma, Treibhaus and Moni's Bistro.
- Stefan Sell performs the concert "Bach goes flamenco" on guitar Saturday at Burg Dudeldorf.
- Flea markets take place Sunday in front of the Schweich Edeka E Center market; at the Trier Messepark grounds; in front of the Wittlich Berufsbildende Schulen school complex and at the Uerzig

festival grounds.

- The Spangdahlem Eifel Association marches today at 2 p.m. The event starts at the Spangdahlem Gemeindehaus or village hall. The 10-kilometer volksmarch leads to Gransdorf and back. In Gransdorf, marchers can visit the church. Following the march, a schnapps probe takes place in Spangdahlem. For more information or to register in advance, call Mr. Heinen at 06565-4326.
- The 23rd Annual Meulen Forest March takes place Sunday. The 10-kilometer march starts at 9:30 a.m. in front of Foehren school and sports center.
- The performance "Lord of the Dance" takes place Sunday at 8 p.m. in Trier Arena hall.
- David Copperfield performs Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Luxembourg-City D'Coque hall, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in Cologne Koelnarena hall, and Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. in Cologne Koelnarena hall.
- "Impressions of the Eifel" is the theme for an art exhibition today at the

Beda Haus cultural center. The exhibition ends tonight.

- David Sanborn and Sizz Wright perform jazz Oct. 11 in Luxembourg. The Bitburg Cultural Society provides transportation to the concert and tickets for 23 euro. To register, call Mr. Werner Pies at 06561-2565. Other cultural events are available at www.kultur-bitburg.de.
- Local and foreign residents celebrate multiculturalism at the Festival of Integration & Culture Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Haus der Jugend. Entertainment includes music, dances and speeches.
- ◆ The annual Wittlich Bungert October festival begins Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.
- Swetlana Travnikowa plays classical piano Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. at the Wittlich Synagogue, located on Himmeroder Strasse. The event features compositions by Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Schumann, Chopin, Debussy, Rachmaninov and more. Tickets cost 15 euro and are available for purchase from the Wittlich Georg-Meistermann museum at 06575-146614.

## **Sports & Fitness**

## **Sports Briefs**

#### **Sport shooting meeting**

A meeting about sport shooting takes place Oct. 12 from 6-7 p.m. in Club Eifel. Team Eifel members who have weapons stored in the armory and are interested in acquiring a Weapons Possession Card (WBK) are encouraged to attend. Call Mike Kirsch, 52nd Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation, at 452-7170 for more information.

#### **BHS Homecoming**

Bitburg High School celebrates its Homecoming game with a spirit parade through the Bitburg Annex housing area today, starting at 5:30 p.m. A burger burn and a pep rally follow on the BHS football field. The Barons play the Vilseck Falcons Saturday at 1 p.m.

#### Softball tournament

Softball fans are invited to watch a softball tournament to benefit Operation Katrina humanitarian relief efforts Saturday-Monday on Spangdahlem AB's ball fields.

#### **Volunteer for BHS football**

The Bitburg High School Barons football team needs volunteers for their upcoming home games Saturday and Oct. 15. Volunteers are needed to chain and down markers, run the clock and manage the scoreboard. For more information, call Coach Mike Laue at 452-9202.

#### **Fitness center improvements**

The Spangdahlem AB fitness center is undergoing renovations now through November. The gym floor is closed for resurfacing from Oct. 3-30. All classes usually held in the gym take place in the aerobics room until the resurfacing project is completed. The aerobics room is closed for renovations Oct. 31-Nov. 18. All classes will then take place in the gym until the project is completed.

#### **Dodgeball in November**

The dodgeball season begins in November with one game per week in the Spangdahlem AB fitness center. Call Mark Warner at 452-6634 for more information.

#### Choose the right shoes

The 52nd Medical Group physical therapy unit offers shoe and running clinics in the health and wellness center, building 130. Clinics feature one-on-one foot analysis and tips on how to purchase shoes based on foot types. One-hour classes take place Thursday at 3 p.m., Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. and Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. Registration is encouraged by calling 452-4295. Class participants should bring their workout sneakers.

#### Try basketball or cheerleading

Registration for the upcoming youth basketball and cheerleading seasons takes place Oct. 17-Nov. 4. The season begins Dec. 5 for youth ages 5-15. Coaches are also needed. Cost is \$35 for ages 5-10 and \$40 for ages 11-15. Register at the Bitburg Annex Teen Center in building 58.

#### Go fish!

Outdoor Recreation offers the following trips in October. Call 452-7170 for details or to register.

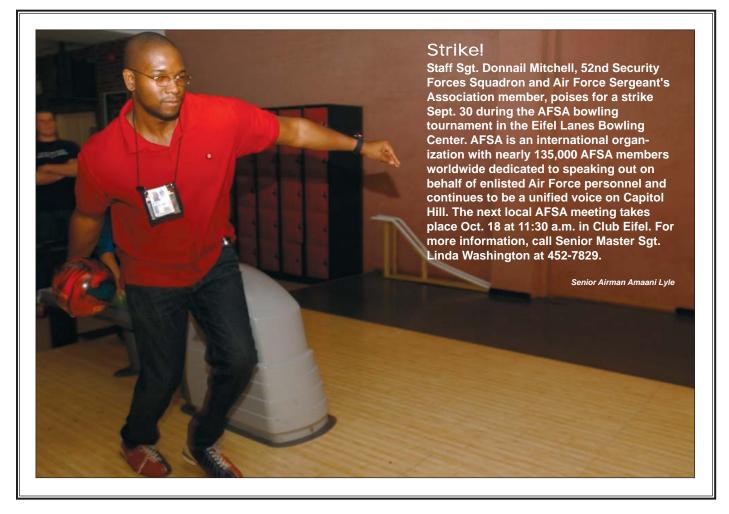
- North Sea fishing, weather permitting, Oct. 15. Cost is \$125.
  - Luxembourg trout fishing, Oct. 29. Cost is \$35.

#### Relax with Tai Chi

The health and wellness center offers Tai Chi Quan classes each Monday and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. The exercise focuses on meditation in movement. For details, call Klaus van den Boom at 452-7233.

#### Fitness equipment training

Training classes for the proper use of fitness equipment in the Spangdahlem AB fitness center take place each Friday at 9 a.m. free of charge. Call 452-6634 for more information.



# Spang tracksters score three U.S. Forces Europe records

By Master Sgt. Bryon Grays
Track and field team coach

For the first time in 50 years, the Spangdahlem Air Base track and field team has brought home the U.S. Track and Field Championship title. Sabers set three of the nine records set in the meet held in Bruchkoebel, Hanau, Germany Sept. 24. Solandro Lee launched the javelin 144 feet, 11 inches; Joshua Ramos ran three kilometers in 9:52 minutes, and Eric Long high jumped 6 feet, 2 inches.

Sabers also scored well in other events:

- Tiffany Atcherson placed third in the 100-meter race, first as the second leg in the 4x100 relay and first as the third leg in the 4x400 relay.
- Jason Bren placed fourth in the 5-kilometer race and first as the final leg in the 4x400 relay.
- $\bullet$  Tynisha Edwards placed third in the long jump, first as the third leg in the 4x100 relay and first as the final leg of the 4x400.
- $\bullet$  Michael Fusaro placed first as the third leg in the 4x400 relay and second as the second leg in the 4x100 relay.
- $\mbox{\ensuremath{\bullet}}$  Bryon Grays placed first in the shot put and discus events, and second in javelin.
  - Kelly Hulme placed first in the 1,500-meter race, first as the

second leg in the 4x400 relay and third in the javelin toss.

- Clarence Hunter placed first as the first leg in the 4x100 relay, second in the shot put and fifth in the 200-meter race.
  - Casey Jackson placed second in the 5-kilometer run.
- $\bullet$  Raphael Jiminez placed third in the 200-meter race and first as the final leg in the 4x100 relay.
- Solandro Lee placed first in the javelin and fourth in the high jump.
- $\bullet$  Eric Long placed first in the high jump, second in the 110-meter hurdles, first as the third leg in the 4x100 relay and first in the long jump.
- Corinne Milien placed first as the fourth leg in the 4x100 relay, first as the first leg in the 4x400 relay, second in discus and second in the javelin.
- Joshua Ramos placed first in the 3-kilometer race, second in the 1,500-meter race, first as the first leg in the 4x400 relay and third in the 5-kilometer race.
- $\bullet$  Gladys Robinson placed first in the 100-meter and 200-meter races, first as the first leg in the 4x100 relay race, second the high jump and third in the discus.
- $\bullet$  Donald Watt placed first as the second leg in the 4x400 relay, fifth in the 800-meter race and fifth in the 1,500-meter race.

## Tennis Barons outmatch Lakenheath

#### By Pete Vadney

Bitburg High School tennis team coach

Despite a 13 hour bus ride and an early morning start, the Barons men's and women's tennis teams scored victories in Lakenheath this past weekend.

The Division I Lancers found their racquets silenced by the Lady Barons 8-1 and the male Barons won a tough battle 5-4.

In the men's match, it took the No. 3 doubles team of Colin Dermody and Mickey Cavaliero to finally put the match away winning 8-3 during the final set of games. Earlier, player No. 1 John Pendergrass won in singles straight sets 6-2, 6-3, and then teamed up with Kolby Kruse to win the No. 2 doubles set 8-3.

Mark Ramos also won in the No. 3 singles slot 8-4, and Mickey Cavaliero

slammed his No. 6 opponent 8-3.

The Lady Barons were led by Jennica Botonis, who swept her No. 1 singles match 6-1, 6-3. No. 2 Ashley Fary had the thriller match of the day beating ex-Baron Kay Lichtenberger in a tie breaker 8-8, then 7-4. Kay began her tennis career at Bitburg High as a 9th grader along with Ashley, then transferred to Laken-heath in 10th grade. As 9th graders, the two often competed for the same ladder positions, and when Kay moved they found they were matched against each other as opponents. In their sophomore year, Kay won 8-6. This year Ashley squeaked out her win to end the competition, then teamed with Jackie Ventrice in No. 1 doubles to beat Kay and another Lancer 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Jackie Ventrice also won her No. 3 singles match 8-1, as did Caitlin Schwartz,

nailing down a No. 6 victory 8-5. Sidnei Banks won her first varsity match in the No. 5 slot winning 8-5. She trailed at one point in the match 5-3. Dani Goldfein teamed with Jennica to win the No. 2 doubles match 8-2, while the No. 3 doubles match saw Caitlin Schwartz and Sidnei Banks win easily 8-1.

The Barons had a second match with Alconbury High School and despite jumping out to an early three match win on both the men and women's sides, saw nature rain out the efforts. As a result, the entire match was cancelled, eliminating the wins.

On Oct. 8, the Barons will take on the SHAPE Spartans and put up their perfect joint 4-0 records in a major homecoming match. The game starts at 10 a.m. on the high school tennis courts.